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Sally McLeod
Environmental Superintendent
Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC
P.O. Box 145
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**Subject: Pogo Mine Plan of Operations (F20129500) Amendment Approval - Revision 7,
Mine Water Treatment Plant #3**

Dear Ms. McLeod,

The Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) received correspondence from Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC (Pogo) dated October 31, 2013, requesting approval to amend the Plan of Operations (F20129500) (POO) for the construction of Mine Water Treatment Plant #3 (MWTP#3). This amendment would increase the capacity of MWTP#3 up to 800 gpm and allow for improved site-wide water management. The request considers two orientations for construction of the 12,600 square foot building, along with proposals to construct a second Head Tank with a 22,000 gallon capacity and two new pipelines. As part of this submittal, Pogo included updates to sections **1.0 Applicant Information** and **8.0 Water Management** of the **2013 Pogo Plan of Operations**.

The DMLW understands Pogo will address the potential effect on the reclamation and closure bond after receiving the updated Drystack Tailings Facility and Underground Mine Closure Studies, and make changes to the appropriate figures in sections 1.0 and 8.0 of the POO once orientation for the MWTP#3 building is decided. DMLW understands these will be provided with the 2013 Annual Activity and Monitoring Report.

The DMLW has reviewed the proposed amendment and consulted with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and no concerns or objections were received.

The requested amendment to Revision 7 of your Plan of Operations (F20129500) as proposed and illustrated in your October 31, 2013 submittal is hereby approved. Nothing in this decision changes the conditions of the original Plan of Operations Approval dated February 7, 2012. The associated facilities and appurtenances should be accounted for in the next update to the Pogo Reclamation and Closure Plan, and the closure cost estimate.

Please be advised that this authorization does not eliminate the potential need for authorization of your activity from other federal, State or local divisions or agencies.

A person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of issuance of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d), and may be mailed or delivered to Joe Balash, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501, faxed to 907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. This decision takes effect immediately. If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31st day after issuance. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to superior court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Brent Martellaro at 907-451-2788.

Sincerely,



Russell Kiddelan acting for:

Scott Pexton
Mining Section Chief

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